

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A cover assembly for a food processing appliance comprising:

a cover for cooperating with a container, said container cooperating with an operating base, said cover having an upper side with a predefined ingress area and said operating base having a rotating tool with a center of rotation and a peripheral impact region, said peripheral impact region being radially distanced from said center of rotation; and

an accessory for cooperating with said ingress area, wherein said ingress area has a cross-sectional area substantially equal to half that of a lower side of said cover, and

wherein said ingress area does not overlap said center of rotation.

2. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said ingress area overlies at least a substantial portion of an outermost portion of said

peripheral impact region relative to said center of rotation.

3. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said ingress area is sized to increase the volume of foodstuff that may be passed therethrough.

4. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said ingress area is shaped so as to overlay at least a distal end of said impact region so as to optimize a processing effect of said rotating tool.

5. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 4, wherein said processing effect is selected from the group consisting of cutting, slicing, chopping, grinding, mincing, dicing, hashing, pureeing, liquefying, mixing, and any combinations thereof.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) A cover for a food processing appliance comprising:

a first side for cooperating with a container, said container cooperating with an operating base, said operating base having one or more rotating blades with a center of rotation, and one or more impact regions, said one or more impact regions being distanced radially from said center of rotation; and

a second side, opposite said first side, having an ingress area for cooperating with an accessory tool,

wherein said ingress area has a cross-sectional area substantially equal to half the cross-sectional area of the cover.

8. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 7, wherein said ingress area overlies at least a substantial portion of an outermost portion of said one or more impact regions without overlapping said center of rotation when the cover is operatively connected to said container and said container is operatively connected to said operating base.

9. (Original) The cover of claim 7, wherein said ingress area is sized to increase the amount of foodstuff that may be passed therethrough at one time.

10. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 7, wherein said ingress area is shaped to overlay at least a distal end of said impact region so as to optimize the processing effect of said one or more rotating blades.

11. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 10, wherein said processing effect is selected from the group consisting of cutting, slicing, chopping, grinding, mincing, dicing, hashing, pureeing, liquefying, mixing, and any combinations thereof.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A cover for a food processing appliance comprising:

a body operatively connectable to a container, said container being operatively connectable to a base, said base having one or more processing tools with one or more impact regions rotatable about a center of rotation,

said one or more impact regions being distanced radially from said center of rotation; and

an ingress area in said body so that when the cover is operatively connected to said container and said container is operatively connected to said operating base, said ingress area has a cross-sectional area substantially equal to half a cross-sectional area of said body.

14. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 13, wherein said ingress area overlies at least a substantial portion of an outermost portion of said one or more impact regions without overlapping said center of rotation.

15. (Original) The cover of claim 13, wherein said ingress area is sized to increase the amount of foodstuff that may be passed therethrough at one time.

16. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 13, wherein said ingress area is shaped to overlay at least a distal end of said impact region so as to optimize the processing effect of said one or more processing tools.

17. (Previously presented) The cover of claim 16,

wherein said processing effect is selected from the group consisting of cutting, slicing, chopping, grinding, mincing, dicing, hashing, pureeing, liquefying, mixing and any combinations thereof.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The cover of claim 13, wherein at least one of said one or more processing tools is a spinning blade having a proximal end near said center of rotation and a distal end distanced from said center of rotation, said spinning blade being oriented perpendicular to foodstuff that is passed through said ingress area.

20. (Original) The cover of claim 19, wherein said ingress area is sized and/or shaped to overlay at least a substantial portion of an outermost impact region relative to said center of rotation, to allow said at least said substantial portion of said outermost impact region to effectively interact with said foodstuff, said outermost impact region being at said distal end of said spinning blade.